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**In re Application of:**

Cart, John Steven

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**Group:** 1712

**Examiner:** Tucker, Phillip C.

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**Title:** Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such Composition

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
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**RESPONSE**

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Please add claim 18.